

## KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

March 8, 2021

via Zoom

### Attendees

Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Larry Vanselow	KK6GIO
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Don Simon	NI6A
Natalie DeJarlais	KM6UCF
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Marian Gade	KC6OBK
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Molly Ong	KF6ZNI

### Agenda:

Training session:

- planning/discussion of April 10 SET

Business session:

- Club callsign
- Club affiliation with ARRL
- Advertisements and classified listings in newsletter
- Technical/Infrastructure
- Elmering
- Treasurer/Funding
- Outreach/recruiting/web
- Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

The meeting was opened.

A motion was made and seconded, the February meeting minutes were approved.

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### **Training session**

For the upcoming April 10 SET:

- A form for participants' operating preferences is available
- Portable battery powered operation is encouraged
- Volunteers for rotation of EOC and net control are encouraged
- Antennas and masts are available to be loaned out
- Digital communication modes may be tried for those with the appropriate equipment
- The EOC will likely be mobile in DMV parking lot once again
- Coordination with neighborhood FRS/GMRS nets will be practiced where available
- Formal messages will be passed as usual but other types of ad hoc messages such as announcements, mutual aid requests, improvised responses are encouraged
- Scheduling practice messages worked well for last SET so it will be repeated again
- Participants outside of El Cerrito and Kensington may work portable in EC/K or operate from their home area location

### **Business session**

- A club callsign has been obtained. KN6NMN was assigned but it is too awkward so a "vanity" callsign, W6ECK, was applied for. The reason for a club callsign was discussed.
- Club affiliation with ARRL will be researched by KJ6IUV
- Advertisements for the KE newsletter will be investigated, possibly from HRO
- Ideas for classified ads for the newsletter were suggested

### **Technical / Infrastructure - BEE/NI6A**

- Plans discussed for retrieval/repair of EC Fire station equipment, reinstallation of antenna and radio at KCC
- Antenna coax patchboxes needed at clubhouses so a connection may be made from outside a clubhouse
- EC City Hall Com. Center still needs a frayed cable repaired or replaced

### **Elmering - NI6A/BEE**

- Assistance and tools are available for installing antennas, measuring power and SWR, and working with connectors

### **Recruiting and Outreach - SWK**

- A question was raised whether the club should have a presence on social media. A volunteer could be asked to work with this. There was some agreement and some opposition to Facebook and/or Nextdoor.

**Treasury/Funding - GIO**

- There are currently 12 paid members.
- All debts have been paid.
- The KE website Pay-Pal function for membership dues did not work and has been removed. Dues may be paid by mailing a check to the KE PO box address.
- It was suggested that a short treasury report be presented at each membership meeting.

**Neighborhood nets, Communication hubs**

- A report of the 1st Wednesday net was presented

The meeting was adjourned